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METHOD OF PREVENTING AND TREATING MUCOSAL AND DERMAL For:

PATENT OPERATION

CONDITIONS

New York, NY 10036 August 2, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed March 2, 2000. Kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend page 1, line 1, as follows: application is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 934,327, filed September 19, 1997, which is now U.S. 5,855,872.--

Kindly amend claims 1 and 23 under provisions of 37 CFR§1.121(a) by deleting the bracketed subject matter and inserting the underlined material;

1. (amended) A method of treating [mucositis,] herpetic infections or fungal infections, said method comprising contacting the affected diseased sites with an effective amount of a composition which comprises [triclosan or] a combination of triclosan and a[n] cationic antimicrobial compound.